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HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OF SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA, AND GHANA TO
PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS AT FCC HEADQUARTERS

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Washington, DC – As part of the Chairman's Development Initiative, and in direct partnership with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), delegations of high-level regulators and policy makers from Ghana, South Africa, and Uganda will participate in a series of briefings at FCC headquarters. The briefings will take place from Monday, May 15 through Wednesday, May 17, 2000, and again from Monday, May 22 through Wednesday, May 24, 2000. On Thursday, May 25, 2000, the delegations may also visit the FCC facility in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the FCC laboratory in Columbia, Maryland.

From Thursday, May 18 through Friday, May 19, 2000, and again on Friday, May 26, 2000, the delegations will participate in meetings with officials from USAID, other government offices, and private sector organizations.

The FCC briefings will be conducted by a cross-section of FCC staff on a wide range of telecommunications regulatory issues, and will be part of the FCC's ongoing efforts to provide regulatory assistance to South Africa, Uganda, and Ghana. The delegations will consist of a total of 15 representatives from the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (SATRA), the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC), the Ugandan Ministry of Works, Housing & Communications, Ghana's National Communications Authority (NCA), and the Ministry of Communications of Ghana.

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